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Programme 8. Development support and management services

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, *inter alia*, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the narrative of programme 8, Development support and management services, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996 and issued in document A/51/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

4. In his reports entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" (A/51/950 and Add.1-7) and "United Nations reform: measures and proposals" (A/52/303 and Add.1 and Corr.1), the Secretary-General proposed, *inter alia*, the consolidation of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and the Department for Development Support and Management Services into a new Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 52/12 A of 12 November and B of 19 December 1997, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform", and 52/220 and 52/221 of 22 December 1997, both on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, endorsed those proposals.

5. As a result of those decisions of the General Assembly, it is proposed to delete programme 8, Development support and management services, in its entirety and to reflect the relevant parts of the programme under a new programme 28, Economic and social affairs.

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